

While Roger was besieging Montalto, Robert of Grantmesnil presented himself and requested that he might have leave to retire to his own home, "Why do you ask this?" said the Duke. To which he replied, "The reason is that I am worn out by the sorry fare in this expedition, and I cannot endure the toil any longer, for the fief which I am said to have is very small, nor can it support my military expenses any longer. Let it be known then, that if the fief be not increased, I will undertake no longer on your behalf this military duty, but will depart over the Alps to the land of my kinsmen, where I shall live, at all events, without want." To which the Duke replied, "I am unwilling to grant you this, but wait awhile until all Apulia is mine, then I will without doubt fulfil what you ask." But he, after awhile, seeing that what he requested was being put off, was kindled by wrath after his usual fashion and said, "If now what I ask is not given, then no longer will I expect it from thee, nor do I wish to hold even that fief which I now possess, since it is so small," Thereupon he withdrew from the host. After this Roger came to a town called Lagopesole in which he found the abode of the said Robert and there he accused him before all of deserting the host. "God forbid!" said he, "but I went away intending to join my kinsmen in their land beyond the Alps." But the Duke forced him before all to

renounce the lands which he now held,
since he had
said he no longer wanted them. " Take
them back,"
said Robert, "only give me free leave to
go away,"
And so it was; he went away with Roger's
leave,

George of Antioch meanwhile
appeared with